

# Certificate of Baptism



Our Lady of Victories Church

P.O. BOX 368  
PASCAGOULA, MS 39568

← This is to Certify →

That Devers, Zachery Samuel

Child of Devers, Wesley Shane

and Bogard, Billie Kaye

born in Pascagoula Mississippi  
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on the 14 day of May 1991

was Baptized

on the 21 day of June 1998

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church  
by the Rev. Gerard Cleary

the Sponsors being { David William Wicker  
Aimee' Colette Poitevin

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated June 26, 1998

  
Pastor

Pascagoula Public Library  
Local History & Genealogy Department  
Devers Family History

*Mr. and Mrs. James E. Freeman  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Brandi Kay*

*to*

*Mr. Wesley Shane Devers  
on Saturday, the twentieth of September  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
Eastlawn United Methodist Church*

*2502 Ingalls Avenue  
Pascagoula, Mississippi  
Reception immediately following  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
3604 Magnolia Street  
Pascagoula, Mississippi*

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Wetland Macrophyte, *Juncus effusus*, Following Multiple Toxicant Exposure." Julia Lytle presented "Glutathione Response of Estuarine Plants to Toxic Sediments" and "Estuarine Plant Defense Mechanisms: Paper Mill Effluents." Co-author was Thomas Lytle. Gronen and Brouwer's presentation was "Effect of Octylphenol on Serum Vitellogenin, Reproductive Capacity, and Offspring of Male Medaka Fish."

Thomas Lytle also presented a seminar to the University of Southern Mississippi Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Dec. 4 on "Phytochelatins: Sentinels of Excess Heavy Metals and Safeguards Against Metal Damage to Wetland Plants." He discussed the couple's studies on responses of estuarine plants to toxic contaminants in sediments and water and how the new knowledge could be applied to using plants to clean polluted sediments. The Lytles are collaborating with Kenneth McMurtrey, USM Chemistry Department, on the isolation and identification of the compounds that plants produce to offset the damaging effects of heavy metals.

**Sea Grant offers YOTO poster to IMS personnel**

If you would like a new Year of the Ocean poster, stop by the Sea Grant office in Caylor Building today for a copy. The colorful "fish print" is the result of a cooperative effort by the public information programs of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Dauphin Island Sea Lab and the IMS to increase awareness of Mississippi and Alabama marine resources and to provide teaching resources for pre-college educators in the two states. The design of Joel A. Flournoy of Auburn University was chosen by a panel of judges in a competition among students at Mississippi and Alabama four-year research institutions. On the back are teaching activities compiled through marine educational programs at the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium and DISL.

**Thanks to local artist for 'Christmas waves' for IMS**

Kris Byrd, local artist and docent at the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium fashioned "Christmas waves" to give a marine motif to the Institute's Christmas card this year. Byrd is also the driving force behind the changing shows of environmental art at the gallery in the J.L. Scott lobby. Thanks, Kris!

**MECA to host southern marine educators**

The J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium will host the 1999 meeting of the Southern Association of Marine Educators Jan. 16. Members of the association will tour the J.L. Scott, share marine education ideas and materials and end the day with a sail aboard the Biloxi schooner "Sekul."

**GCRL museum home of Internet site for international meeting**

Stuart G. Poss, curator of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Museum, reports that the museum is hosting the web site for the 18th International Congress of Zoology to be held Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2000, in Athens, Greece. The theme of the Congress is "The New Panorama of Animal Evolution." Poss will convene a discussion group addressing issues involved with the use and coordinated development of collections databases. The site URL is <[http://www.ims.usm.edu/~musweb/icz\\_xviii/icz\\_home.html](http://www.ims.usm.edu/~musweb/icz_xviii/icz_home.html)>.

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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*



# IMS TODAY

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## Gunter Library open house today

IMS faculty, staff and students are invited to the annual Gunter Library open house at 9:30 a.m.-12 noon today, Joyce M. Shaw, librarian, said. Shaw said friends of the marine sciences library and other librarians in the area also join library staff for the holiday event.

## MECA open house a hit

More than 760 visitors converged on the J.L. Scott MECA Saturday, Dec. 5, for the annual holiday open house. Marine educators, docents and special guests treated all ages to crafts with a marine theme, education presentations, musical programs, an art show and visits with Santa.

## Devers, LeDoux give otolith introduction

Wesley Devers and Jude LeDoux, fisheries technicians at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, recently introduced high school biology students at Resurrection High School in Pascagoula to GCRL work using otoliths to determine age of fish in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The GCRL personnel also gave students an overview of research in progress at the laboratory and educational opportunities available through the Institute.

## Request for help and kudos go out to science fair volunteers

Martha Sager and Kymm Damon-Randall of the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium are seeking volunteers for science fair judges at the regional science fair in January. Damon-Randall said the fair is earlier this year with the elementary fair Wednesday, Jan. 20 and the secondary competition Thursday, Jan. 21. Both fairs are in the Biloxi Convention Center at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum this year. "The judges' reception begins each day at 7:30 a.m., so anyone interested in judging should arrive between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.," Randall said. To volunteer contact Sager or Damon-Randall at the J.L. Scott at 374-5550 or [damon@seahorse.ims.usm.edu](mailto:damon@seahorse.ims.usm.edu).

Thanks go to IMS personnel and students who judged school science fairs. Among IMS volunteers were: St. Martin East Elementary, Ocean Springs—Tershara Matthews and Mary Tussey; Nativity BVM Elementary, Biloxi—Wade Howat, Becky Espay, Ronda Russell, Jan Welker; St. John Elementary, Gulfport—Rena Krol, Tammie Henderson; Magnolia Park Elementary, Ocean Springs—Nancy Brown-Peterson, Helen Gill, David Geter, Suzanne Gronen; St. Martin Middle School—Pam Bond; Vancleave Elementary—Martha Sager, Kymm Damon-Randall; Saucier Elementary—Jeannie Flint; and St. Alphonsus, Ocean Springs—Wesley Devers, Niki Garber, Kirsten Larsen and Jude LeDoux.

## IMS researchers present scientific results

IMS chemists Thomas and Julia Lytle, toxicologist Marius Brouwer and graduate student Suzanne Gronen presented results of research at the SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry) 19th annual meeting in Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 15-19. More than 4,000 registered attendees from throughout the world attended the conference featuring the connection between environmental integrity and human health. Talks by Thomas Lytle and co-authored by Julia Lytle were "Response of Four Estuarine Plants to Sedimentary Cadmium and Other Heavy Metals" and "Growth Inhibition of

## Fishing winners announced

The Saltwater Sportsman Association announced the winners in its Kids Day Fishing Rodeo held Saturday.

Winners in the eight years and under contests were as follows:

Speckled trout, Jarrod Kurren, first, and Thomas Stuckey; Flounder, Allen Booker;

Pin fish, Zack Triplett, first, Steve Nesbitt, second, Neal Goff, third and Kyle Cumen;

Sheephead, Paul Parker

Hard head catfish, Zack Dev-  
ers, first, Paul Duffy, second,  
Jarrod Kurren, third, and Steve  
Nesbitt, fourth;

Croaker, J. Dunn, first, D.  
Russell, second, and Jennifer  
Judd, third;

White trout, J. Jurren, first, J.  
Dunn, second, Zack Triplett,  
third and Kyle Curren, fourth;

Mangrove snapper, Eric  
Lenton;

Winners in the nine to 16 age group were:

White trout, Kevin O'Sullivan, first, Will Batley, second, Nicholas Stockle, third, and Daniel Trehern, fourth;

Pin fish, Daniel Trehern, first, Allen Boykin, second, Brandon Loper, third and Kit Stovil, fourth;

Croaker, Will Batley, first, Andy Batley, second, Brandon Loper, third and Daniel Trehern, fourth;

Red fish, Sindey Rayborn, first, and Jarrod Taylor, second;

Sheephead, Buddy Graham  
first, and Matthew Glyn, second;

Mangrove snapper, Sidney  
Rayborn, first, Dillon Lee, sec-  
ond and Sam Graham, third.

The association expressed appreciation to the participants and to those who helped sponsor the event.

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## City, fed disagree on Proj Impact

By TODD TWILLEY

Mississippi Press Staff

PASCAGOULA — Ma-  
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Just over a year ago on  
Pascagoula was named a pilot  
for the Federal Emer-  
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By MELISSA DAVIS SIZEMORE

Mississippi Press Staff

PASCAGOULA — Imagine how difficult learning would be if you were back in the first grade again and you could understand very little of what the teacher was saying.

Picture yourself sitting in front of a board full of words that contained letters you had never seen before.

For some students in the Pascagoula school district, it is a real problem — a problem that school officials and teachers are concerned about.

Up until about six months ago, the Pascagoula district had very few foreign-speaking students in its schools. And most of those were able to speak at least a little bit of the English language.

So far, administrators here have been able to shuffle through the curriculum with those students with the help of the district's Title I program teacher and several parent volunteers.

But lately the influx of migrant workers and international families to the Gulf Coast has brought in a lot of students who can't speak English at all. Officials say it is beginning to put a burden on the

students and the teachers.

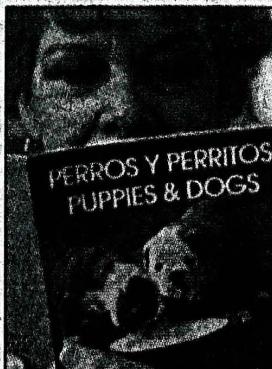
"There's definitely a concern," said Superintendent David Snowden.

Like other districts in the area have, administrators here must look for other ways to bridge the communication gap.

Officials are currently compiling the results of a district-wide survey to see just how many students don't speak English. Those figures are expected to be ready next week.

Snowden said not only does the fact that these students can't speak English hamper the teachers' ability to teach the students, but it also makes it harder for the students to get along socially.

"The biggest disadvantage comes to the students," Snowden said. "Here they are thrown into an environment ... and they can't understand the teachers and most of the students in the classroom.



READING — Arlington Elementary School first grade teacher Ginger Vervaeke reads a bilingual book to a student.

she worries that she might not be teaching them all they need to know.

"That's what I need to know," she said. "Am I helping the children?"

Vervaeke works with these students, as she does with the other students in her classroom, to teach them the process of reading. But for her it is sometimes difficult because

And it's frustrating for the teachers because they want them (the students) to be successful."

Ginger Vervaeke, a first-grade teacher at Arlington Elementary, teaches most of the students there who don't speak English. Vervaeke has three students who speak Spanish and one who speaks Chinese.

They are very enthusiastic students, and very smart, Vervaeke said. But she said she worries that she might not be teaching them all they need to know.

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Vervaeke works with these students, as she does with the other students in her classroom, to teach them the process of reading. But for her it is sometimes difficult because

these students don't even know how to read in Spanish yet.

Because they are so young, she said, they are able to pick up things much faster than most. And other students in the classroom are able to help them with certain assignments.

Title I teacher Carla Kellett spends an hour each day working with the students to teach them the alphabet, colors and shapes in English — things most kids already know when they start school.

But because she already has other responsibilities there, Kellett cannot devote as much time as she would like to helping these students learn.

"What we need is direction," Vervaeke said. "I know how to teach reading. I've been teaching reading for 30 years. But I'm not so sure what I'm teaching them is correct. We just need someone to tell us if we're doing things right."

Sixteen foreign-speaking students are currently enrolled in a program at Ocean Springs schools.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Anna Hurt said this is the program's fourth year. Unlike some of those

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With the help of the Pascagoula Public Library, the school district is working to address this issue.

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## Water pipeline study goes mixed results

By JOHN SURRATT  
Mississippi Press Staff

PASCAGOULA — About Jackson County's water pipeline project reviews.

The supervisors news Friday that the project will receive an \$8 million in federal fund.

But some supervisors are angry over a draft report on the project, which questions the charges made by engineering for engineering project.

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## 'TIS THE SEASON

Santa waves to the crowd during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Pascagoula's Beach Park Friday night.

For more Christmas photos from George and Jackson County events see page 12-A.

## Hospital sends workers on cost-cutting mission

By JOHN SURRATT  
Mississippi Press Staff

PASCAGOULA — Singing River Hospital System officials are calling on a new group of experts to help reduce the cost of providing health care to area residents — the employees.

And a new program provides the means to make sure all the employees benefit from the savings.

Called Gainshare 99, the program offers employees an opportunity to receive financial rewards for ideas that help reduce the hospital system's operations cost.

The program is not an original idea, said Chris Anderson, Singing River Hospital System chief executive officer.

larly manufacturing types of companies for a long time," he said. "Hospitals started doing this several years ago, and like so many things, it's driven by need."

With state and federal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements dropping while the cost of technology increases annually, Anderson said, health care systems have to find ways to make up the difference.

Singing River, he said, will lose \$11 million in government funds in the next fiscal year.

"We don't want to raise charges, because people don't want that," Anderson.

That means reducing costs. And employees, he said, can be a good source of ideas.

"I think people in leadership roles in hospitals

halls, you can't have an appreciation of millions of decisions being made day by day by the 2,000, 3,000 employees."

"They're the people who can get those savings."

Gainshare, which was introduced in 1999, provides the means for employees to share in those savings.

The program is open to employees who work more than 1,000 hours of service during the year and who have received a rating of better on their annual evaluation.

Anderson said any administrator who reports directly to him are eligible.

Under the program hospital sys

can receive up to 4 percent of the

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## Language barrier

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students in the Pascagoula district, students here have at least one parent who can speak English.

At one time this program was funded by the federal government. When the funding was cut, officials here had to take up the slack.

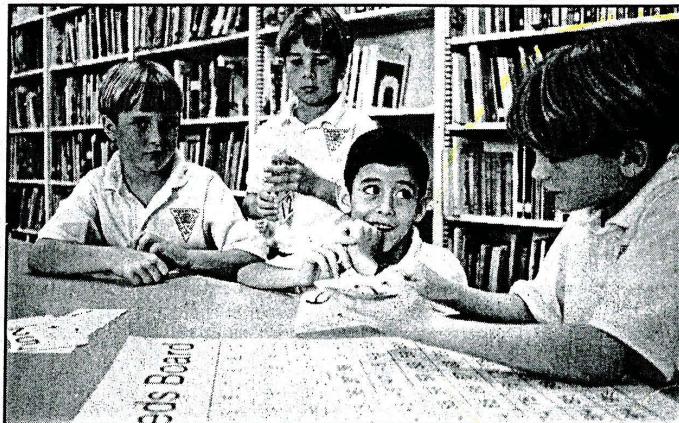
A full-time tutorial assistant helps these students make the transition from their native culture to the school system, Hurt said. That teacher works with Chinese, Japanese, German, Vietnamese and a few Spanish students, and their parents.

"There have been times when we have worked more extensively with kids if there is a greater need," Hurt said. "But for now the program is sufficient."

Hurt said it is often the social adjustment that is hard on the students.

Students are tutored daily for one year, or until the teacher decides they are ready to enter the classroom. Peer tutors also help.

Peer tutoring works well at other schools too, like Resurrection Catholic Elementary in Pascagoula. Principal Jean Pisors said stu-



Chief Photographer R. Kelly Boyd

**REMOVING BARRIERS** — Resurrection Catholic School second graders, from left, Kyle Miller, Adam Fox, Thomas Irving and Sam Devers study together in the school's library. Thomas Irving, from Guatemala teaches his friends Spanish, while they help him with English.

dents there are a tremendous help to others who have trouble speaking English.

Four out of only five foreign speaking students at the school didn't know English at all when they came here in August, Pisors said.

But with the help of the teachers and other students, they are learning.

In Moss Point, there are only five students there whose second language is English. Officials say those students came too late in the school

year to apply for any federal funding to help out with these students.

The district does provide after-school tutoring for them.

Moss Point, like other districts here in Jackson County, has a number of students from migrant families. They are able to help those students through an entirely different program.

There are between 30 and 40 in the Moss Point district, and there are quite a few in the other districts. Federal funding pays for a teacher to work among all the schools in Jackson County through this migrant program.

Many of these students though are tied to the agricultural or commercial shrimping and fishing industries.

Dale Rivers, assistant superintendent of Jackson County Schools, said most of the foreign speaking students in the county's school district are Vietnamese. At one time county schools also had a bilingual program. The teacher in charge of that program is still able to work with some of those students.

## Hospital

From Page 1-A

money-saving ideas developed each fiscal year.

Two provisions make this program different from similar incentives: all employees benefit from the savings, not just the individual or department, and there is no bonus unless the savings are sufficient to help the hospital system exceed its budget.

"If we do not generate enough additional revenue or lower costs ...

tant," he said. "We provide very good patient care but it doesn't matter how good you take care of someone, if they don't think you took good care of them."

He said the hospital system has changed the way it seeks responses from patients about the hospital care they received, "and I take that very seriously."

And employees have to be able to provide good care efficiently and economically, he said.

Anderson said he has established

gestions," he said, holding his hands about 18 inches apart. "Some were the usual suggestions, but others were very interesting."

He said the suggestions will be pursued.

Some suggestions have already gone into effect.

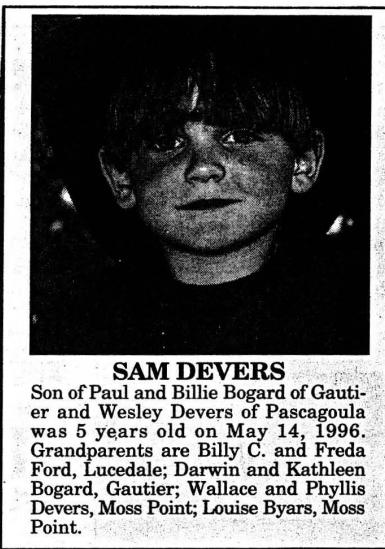
Anderson said Susan Dees, a maintenance department secretary, recommended a change in purchasing bags for the hospital's pneumatic tube system that could save the hospital an estimated \$10,000.

By aggressively working to find the best prices, Anderson said, the program has saved \$203,000, and employees in the program project an additional \$300,000 in savings by the end of the year.

Anderson said he doesn't expect to see savings coming in large doses.

"Savings are going to come in very small increments from a lot of different sources," he said. "It's not going to happen because one person

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## **ENGAGEMENTS**

### **Freeman-Devers**

PASCAGOULA — Mr. and Ms. James E. (Brenda S.) Freeman of Pascagoula announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Kay, to Wesley Shane Devers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. (Phyllis) Devers of Moss Point.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Ray John Freeman, the late Francis Freeman Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee (Alma) Ezell, all of Pascagoula.

A 1991 graduate of Pascagoula High School, she is employed as a legal secretary with Ben. C. Moore in Pascagoula.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Devers of Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Poitevin of Pascagoula.

A 1989 graduate of Our Lady of Victories Catholic High School in Pascagoula, he received an associate of arts degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County campus, in 1992. He is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg,



**Wesley Shane Devers  
Brandi Kay Freeman**

Miss., majoring in environmental biology. He will graduate in December.

The couple will exchange vows 2 p.m. Sept. 20, 1997, at Eastlawn United Methodist Church, Pascagoula.

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Staff photo/Bill Starling

**SANTA HELPER** Tammy Devers-Moore is shown with some of the toys collected by Sammons Communications for distribution to needy children in Jackson County. The cable television company is one of several organizations in this area which lends a helping hand to Santa each year.

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## Colleges & Universities



**FAMILY FUN** — Wesley Devers, (second from left) a junior medical technology major at the University of Southern Mississippi, welcomes his parents, Wallace and Phyllis Devers of Moss Point, and Brandi Freeman, far left, of Pascagoula to Parents' Day on the USM campus. Parents' Day festivities were Oct. 24 before USM's home football game against Cincinnati. **92**

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**A CANNED FOOD DONATION**, sponsored by Sammons Communications of Pascagoula for charity, yielded over 7,800 cans of food. Tammy Devers-Moore, marketing manager for Sammons (left) and Major Don Smith, commander of the Salvation Army post in Pascagoula, are shown with the canned food. Sammons accepted canned food in lieu of cable installation fees during its April promotion. *93*

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**DEVERS**

George Devers, 69, Mobile, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1993, in Pascagoula. He was born Jan. 23, 1923, in Kreole, Miss. Mr. Devers was retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding and was a member of Forts Lake Assembly of God.

Survivors include his daughter, Jeanette Holliman, Lucedale; two sons, Wallace Devers, Moss Point, and Roger Devers, Seven Hills, Ala.; two brothers, Milton Clark Devers, Forts Lake, Miss., and John Devers, Sebastopol, Miss.; four sisters, Dolly Bragg, Forts Lake, Clara Goff, Martha Medlin, both of Hobart, Ind., and Dorothy Hill, Orange, Texas; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a host of relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 25, from 6-9 p.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. C. D. and Tim Cauley.

Interment will be in Shady Grove Cemetery in Mobile.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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